



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B, 7 APRIL 2024



### PARISH VISION STATEMENT 2004



“Created by God, Loved by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit ... We come together inspired by our patrons, St Mary the Virgin and St Joseph, her husband, to worship, study and serve.”

St Mary's Bombala  
St Joseph's Delegate  
St Peter's Corrowong

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Please assist the team by having items in by Wednesday pm.



A journey with  
**SAINT MARY**  
of the Cross  
**MACKILLOP**



### PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### POPES INTENTION APRIL For the role of women



Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

**We pray** for the human family around the world, that the light of Easter will dawn in every land, dispel all fear, and show forth the everlasting goodness of God.

**We pray** for the First Nations people of Australia, that their traditional wisdom and knowledge will inform our care for the land and all its creatures.

**We pray** for rural dioceses & parishes, their spirits bold, that they may discover inventive ways to build bridges of faith, keeping the Gospel's message alive with every step.



**We pray** for our sick and infirm family, friends and parishioners; may the light of God's presence bring them healing and comfort:

Chris Cuttle, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Jane Nash, Val Perkins, Barbara Brownlie, Jim Parkes, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley, John & Anna Vincent, Betty Cowell, Tom Kennedy, Patricia Guthrie, John Elliott, Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield, Erika & Margo Birmingham



### PARISH CALENDAR

**Mon:** Annunciation of the Lord



Funeral for Barry Reed  
St Joseph's Delegate  
12 noon

**Wed:** Mass Bombala 9.30am

**Thu:** Saint Stanislaus

**Sat:** LW&HC Delegate NB 5pm  
Saint Martin

**Sun:** LW&HC Bombala 9am



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### Recently Deceased

Barry Reed,  
Keith Brownlie, Lawrence Tighe  
Archbishop Francis Carroll

#### April Anniversaries

Ellen Atkins, Bob Cahill  
Maria Callaway, Arthur Collins  
Keith Cottrell,  
Myreen Eppelstun,  
Neil Ingram, Joanne Joseph  
Jill Knight, Fletcher Lee  
Kerry Letts, Edna Reed  
Wallace Roberts, Ilma Stewart  
Raymond Thornton, Kate Vincent



**“We have loved them in Life:  
Let us not forget them in death.”**



“It would be worth going through every possible suffering just for one single soul and offering everything - for just that one - because one would bring great joy to the Heart of Jesus.”



**Have courage (7.4.1870)**

**Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them cheerfully, remembering whom you are trying to follow. (12.1.1909)**

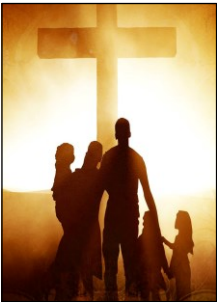
**Have we not all taken up the cross and shall we shrink from carrying it? (11.4.1876)**

*Sisters return to Queensland: to Clermont in the Rockhampton diocese at the request of Bishop Higgins, 1900.*



## APRIL - MONTH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit. To believe in the Holy Spirit is to profess that the Holy Spirit is one of the persons of the Holy Trinity, consubstantial with the Father and the Son: "with the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified." The Holy Spirit is the Person of Love in the life of God. He is also like a breath, an aspiration of infinite Love, from which we draw the breath of life. On the day of Pentecost, the Divine Spirit communicated such an abundance of life to the whole Church that to symbolize it "there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they (the Apostles) were sitting." "Holy Spirit" is the proper name of the one whom we adore and glorify with the Father and the Son. The Church has received this name from the Lord and professes it in the Baptism of her new children.



### FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

#### Flavour of the Gospel

Everyone, in their different ways, has the ability to spread the good news of the Gospel.

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for those at the forefront of the artificial intelligence revolution, that they will ensure its potential is used for human flourishing, not its exploitation.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for all who dwell in the homeland of Jesus – Jews, Muslims, Christians, other believers and non-believers – that by the grace of God they will walk the path of peace together.



### Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer



**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Dear friends, on this day of light, peace and joy, let us turn in prayer to our loving and life-giving God:

**READER:** For family members and friends who do not share our Easter faith, that we will remain united with them through lives of goodness, mercy and compassion. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For the many and varied Christian churches, that they will bear united witness to the good news of Jesus' victory over sin and death. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For families unable to afford school holiday travel or entertainment, that they will be able to access healthy and enjoyable low-cost activities. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For all who live in a dark world of pain, deprivation and despair, that the kindness of others will kindle the flame of hope in their hearts. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be raised up to be with the Risen Lord. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people in war torn places. We pray **Hail Mary...**

**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Ever-faithful God, in the resurrection of your Son you have given us the pledge of eternal life. May your promise guide and govern our way on earth. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen**

### Pope Francis celebrates Easter 2024: 'Jesus Christ is risen'.

Pope Francis presided over Mass in St Peter's Square on Easter Sunday 2024 before giving the traditional urbi et orbi blessing in the presence of approximately 60,000 people. On a warm and windy Easter Sunday at the Vatican, Pope Francis proclaimed: "Jesus Christ is risen! He alone has the power to roll away the stones that block the path to life. He, the living One, is himself that path. He is the Way."



As is his custom, Francis did not give a homily after the Gospel but stayed a few moments in silent prayer. Pope Francis gave a homily at the Easter Vigil Mass. The pope also participated in the "Resurrexit," an ancient rite honouring an icon of the Holy Savior. At the conclusion of the liturgy, Pope Francis rode through St Peter's Square on the popemobile greeting enthusiastic pilgrims who waved flags and cheered.

Source: Catholic News Agency



We could really use some extra help with washing the altar robes and linen at St Mary's Bombala. Even a little bit of your time would be a huge blessing! If you're available to lend a hand, please let Anna know.



- Why isn't the Discovery Channel on a different channel number every day?
- Does listening to radio while doing exercise make you radio active?
  - Cost me a fortune this week! Facebook went down so I had to phone everyone to find out what they were having for dinner!

# HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

## 1. Sing A New Song *Dan Schutte*

**Refrain: Sing A New Song Unto The Lord;  
Let Your Song Be Sung From Mountains High.  
Sing A New Song Unto The Lord, Singing Alleluia.**

1. Yahweh's People Dance For Joy. O Come Before The Lord, And Play For Him On Glad Tambourines, And Let Your Trumpet Sound. **(R)**
2. Rise, O Children, From Your Sleep; Your Saviour Now Has Come. He Has Turned Your Sorrow To Joy And Filled Your Soul With Song. **(R)**
3. Glad My Soul For I Have Seen the Glory Of The Lord. The Trumpet Sounds; The Dead Shall Be Raised. I Know My Saviour Lives. **(R)**

## 3. A Trusting Psalm *Kevin Bates*

**Refrain: Lord let your mercy be on us  
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love. His love can never be measured. His beauty is like nothing we have ever seen, so let us place our trust in him. **R**
2. The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God. His love can never grow weary. His mercy is as though our sins have never been, if we can place our trust in him. **R**
3. The word of the Lord is fire burning strong His love can never grow weary. He will seek and save the lost until we all return, so let us place our trust in him. **R**

## 4. Sing to the Mountains *Bob Dufford*

**Refrain: Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let all the earth rejoice.**

1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have answered my plea. You have saved my soul from death. You are my strength and song. **(R)**
2. Holy, holy, holy Lord. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. **(R)**
3. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice. He has turned all death to life. Sing of the glory of God. **(R)**

## 2. Peace Is Flowing Like a River *Carey Landry*

1. Peace is flowing like a river, Flowing out through you and me; Flowing out into the desert, Setting all the captives free.
2. Joy is flowing like a river, Flowing out through you and me; Flowing out into the desert, Setting all the captives free.
3. Faith is flowing like a river, Flowing out through you and me; Flowing out into the desert, Setting all the captives free.



### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

**We,  
the Parish of Bombala-Delegate,  
acknowledge with deep respect that we  
stand upon the traditional lands of the  
Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin peoples.**

**We recognise the enduring legacy of  
their culture, which continues to enrich  
the life and spirit of Australia.**



**Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week. Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.**

## DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS



**Don't forget that Daylight Saving ends at 3am on Sunday 7 April 2024. Clocks go back one hour and many of us will get an extra hour's sleep.**

### BOMBALA-DELEGATE CATHOLIC PARISH - IN THE MONARO MISSION Country of the Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin People



## Our History

*The inaugural Catholics to settle in the region arrived in 1826 as designated servants, primarily convicts. The community's foundation expanded with the influx of Scottish, Irish and subsequently German immigrants starting in 1833. Father Patrick Newman assumed the role of the first resident priest in 1864, succeeding a period during which priests were dispatched from Queanbeyan and Cooma. Churches were erected to serve the growing Catholic population, including St Mary's Bombala in 1867 & 1942, St Joseph's Delegate 1877 & 1915, St John's Cathcart in 1878 and St Peter's Corrowong in 1894. Educational institutions also emerged with privately Catholic schools opening between 1866 and 1886, followed by the establishment of Catholic schools in Bombala in 1886 and Delegate in 1921. In 1888, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (North Sydney) co-founded by St Mary MacKillop, arrived, embarking on a continuous ministry that spanned 134 years. Monaro & South Coast Parishes transitioned from the Sydney Archdiocese to the Goulburn Diocese in 1917 and later to the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn in 1948. The first local priestly vocation was Fr Ernest Baragry, ordained as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart in 1941. The Parish of Delegate operated independently from 1955 to 1973. Significant events marked parish history in 2008, including the arrival of the World Youth Day Cross & Icon and the Consecration of St Mary's Church Bombala following extensive repairs and restoration. St Joseph's Church Delegate commemorated its Centenary in 2015.*



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**Second Sunday of Easter, Year B**

**7 April 2024**

## First Reading Acts 4:32-35

*The whole group was united, heart and soul.*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1**

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting**

or

**(R.) Alleluia.**

- Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the  
Lord,  
but not doomed to die. (R.)
- The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Jn 5:1-6

*Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;**  
**happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!**  
**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Jn 20:19-31

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'  
After saying this he breathed on them and said:  
'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith.

Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ. Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God.

Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ's true identity, exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith.

We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, 'the least'. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.

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